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EXAMINER: LORI L. COLETTA

FOR: INTEGRAL STRUCTURES OF METAL AND PLASTIC

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 JUL 2 9 2003 GROUP 3600

Sir:

By Office Action dated <u>June 24, 2003</u>, the above-referenced application has been made subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. The Examiner has taken the position that Species I includes Figure 1 and Species II includes Figures 2 and 3.

Applicant elects with traverse to prosecute Species II (Figures 2 and 3). The claims readable thereon are Claims 1-6.

Applicant notes that each of Figures 1-3 is directed to structural components with metal and plastic members. Moreover as is mentioned in the "Brief Description of the Drawings", Figure 2 has "a substantially larger metal portion than in the previous figure (1)" (page 4, lines 11-12). Finally Figure 3 is described as incorporating "several design features earlier depicted in Figures 1 and 2, with the exception of the aperture 7 formed along the surface of main member 1" (page 5, line 33 to page 6, line 1). Applicant greatly appreciates and understands the time and attention that the Examiner can devote to any one case. Nonetheless Applicant respectfully submits that given that each Figure requires structural components with metal and plastic members, and further given the descriptions of the drawings themselves, little or no additional time will be required to search and examine Species I while also conducting the search and examination of Species II.

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Applicant therefore respectfully asks the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the instant restriction and/or election requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

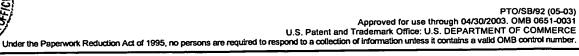
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